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Title : Need to grant early clearance to mining projects of NYAMGIRI Hils at Lanjigarh in district Kalahandi, Orissa.

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): Sir, it is requested that the Ministry of Environment and Forest take an early decision on clearance of mining projects of NYAMGIRI Hills at Lanjigarh in Kalahandi district for bauxite mining.

The project is ready for production, and a lot of local people -- in all grades -- have been employed and their employment stands jeopardised if the mining lease is not granted to Vedanta Company. I am saying this because the aluminum refinery is situated in the most backward district of Kalahandi. The mining lease should be granted as the company has submitted report of sustainable mining and production.